

SPECIAL MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Georgine Welo called the Special Meeting to order at 6 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bishop Jeremy Wilde from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints gave the Invocation.

Swearing-In Ceremony/Oath of Office

- The Oath of Office was administered to Mayor Georgine Welo by South Euclid resident and Honorable Judge Michael Shaughnessy.
- The Oath of Office was administered to Councilman-at-Large Marty Gelfand by Ohio Supreme Court Justice the Honorable Melody Stewart.
- The Oath of Office was administered to Councilwoman-at-Large Susan Hardy by the Honorable Judge Michael Shaughnessy.
- The Oath of Office was administered to Councilman-at-Large Justin Tisdale by Ohio Supreme Court Justice the Honorable Melody Stewart.

Roll Call

Mayor Welo requested that the Clerk call the Roll.

Present: Council President Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

Motion to Elect Council President

Mayor Welo asked if there are any motions for the position of Council President.

- Councilwoman Goodman nominated Councilwoman Ruth Gray.
- Councilwoman Hardy nominated Councilman Frank.
- Mayor Welo asked if there were any additional nominations. Being none:

Each nominee was asked if they wanted to make a statement.

- Councilwoman Gray stated that she has the experience and long-tenure to be the next Council President and discussed many examples of her leadership and success including leading efforts to create the Good Neighbor Guide, Police Safety Cameras, Recreation Planning Initiatives and many other important community projects. Ms. Gray stated that when she first came on Council, the election of Council President was not political and all members took turns being Council President and President Pro Tem.
- Councilman Frank stated that since he has joined Council he has helped lead the city through financial issues in his position of Finance Chair and leading efforts for needed capital and strategic planning.
- There was discussion between the Law Director and Councilwoman Goodman on the process for voting on motions.

Vote on Motion for Councilwoman Gray.

Vote: Motion failed (**summary:** Yes = 2, No = 4, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

No: Council President Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

The motion has failed.

Vote on Motion for Councilman Frank:

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Council President Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

No: Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

The motion has passed. Councilman Frank has been elected Council President.

Mayor Welo turned the meeting over to Council President Frank.

Motion to Elect Council President Pro Tempore

Council President Frank asked if there were any nominations for Council President Pro-Tem:

- Councilman Frank nominated Councilman Gelfand.
- Councilwoman Goodman nominated Councilwoman Gray.
- Councilwoman Gray stated that she respectfully declines the motion for President Pro-Tem.
- Councilman Frank asked if there were any other nominations. Being none:

Vote on the appointment of Councilman Gelfand as President Pro-Tem:

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Council President Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

Councilman Gelfand has been elected Council President Pro Tempore.

Bishop Jeremy Wilde of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints gave the Benediction.

Adjourn

There being no other business before Council:

Action: Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Council President Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:12 pm

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council